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## **Gloucester Hires Chief Information Technology Officer**

Gloucester County Administrator J. Brent Fedors announces the hiring of Mr. George Bains as Chief Information Technology Officer. Mr. Bains will report for his first day with Gloucester County on October 31, 2019.

With 31 years of widely varied public sector IT experience and a proven track record of success in both engineering and information technology service in local government, Bains most recently served as Assistant Director of Information Technology for Henrico County. Prior to his tenure in Henrico, he served as Gloucester County's first Director of Information Technology, creating the function from scratch with extremely limited resources. Bains was also previously Gloucester County's Director of Engineering, making significant contributions in the development and implementation of the county's 911, Geographic Information, and Public Utility systems.

Conversion of the position from Director of Information Technology to Chief Information Technology Officer is expected to benefit both Gloucester County and Gloucester County Public Schools (GCPS), as Mr. Bains will also serve as a liaison to the GCPS Superintendent's Executive Leadership Team as a senior leader, advisor and business partner, reinforcing partnership between the two organizations.

This budget-neutral change in title, function and grade was made possible through a collaboration between the two entities (Gloucester County and GCPS.)

Mr. Bains shares, “I am excited for the opportunity to return to Gloucester and the challenges that this new position will bring.” Bains is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a degree in Civil Engineering, and actively maintains his Professional Engineer Certification. George is also a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia. His professional accomplishments include NACo Achievement Awards in Technology Innovation, Excellence in eGovernment 2006 (Gloucester County) and Digital Counties Award winner for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 (Top 5 in nation.)

“I am thrilled that Mr. Bains is rejoining the Gloucester County team and I’m eager to see how he, in this position, will demonstrate the benefits of partnership across our county and school organizations as we work together seeking the best value for the citizens of our community,” states Gloucester County Administrator Brent Fedors, adding, “Mr. Bains is one of several high-quality former employees who have come back to work here in Gloucester over the past year or so – a testament to the major strides that our Board of Supervisors has achieved in making Gloucester a more attractive place to work in this (currently) high competition talent market.”

**## End of Announcement**